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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. RE STATE 212545 PARA 3 (ATTACHE TRIPS), WE DO HAVE OTHER THOUGHTS. WE AND DATT THINK INVITATION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN, WITH EXPLANATION YOU SUGGEST. IF THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO AF, AT MINIMUM WE RECOMMEND THAT THE TRIP BE STRUCTURED TO SPLIT THE SOVIET REPS (AND/OR OTHER E. EUROPEANS) OUT FROM THE GROUP WHEN MILITARY UNITS OR INSTALLATIONS ARE VISITED, GIVING THEM, INSTEAD, AN EXPANDED INSIGHT INTO OUR CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC WEALTH.

2. RE PARAGRAPH 5, PRINGLE, AFTER SERIOUS DISCUSSION WITH HIS WIFE, FEELS THAT A THIRD YEAR IS OUT, FOR FAMILY REASONS. THE PRINGLES DO WANT TO RETURN TO THE USSR IN A FEW YEARS, HOWEVER. ON THE JORP POSITION, WE FEEL QUITE RESTRICTED BY THE CAREER CANDIDATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. THE ONLY POSITION IT GIVES US IS THE ONE VAN LANINGHAM WILL OCCUPY, WHETHER HE'S IN CONS OR ECON - IT MOVES WITH HIM. SO EVEN IF CONS WOULD ACCEPT ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENTS IN
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A REGULAR POSITION, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE ANOTHER REGULAR POSITION OPEN IN THE SECTION TO WHICH THAT OFFICER MOVED. AT PRESENT, CONS AND ECON HAVE AGREED THAT VAN LANINGHAM WILL SERVE IN ECON FROM 3/79 TO 3/80, AND THUS BE AVAILABLE TO HELP IN CONS DURING THE OLYMPICS. TOON

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